

CLINIC TOUR IN U. P. ENDS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT PLANS WORK IN LOWER PENINSULA IN THE FALL

Lansing, July 27.—Having conducted physical examination clinics during the past two months in eight counties, seven of them in the Upper Peninsula, the traveling clinic of the Michigan Department of Health will discontinue its work for the month of August and begin anew in September as a part of the health institutes to be held in counties of the lower part of the state. The clinic will be reorganized, and will include a baby unit in addition to the children's and tuberculosis division.

During the tour of the northern part of the state, Dr. Frank Rose, head of the children's unit stressed the importance of remedying physical defects such as diseased tonsils and adenoids, bad teeth, defective vision and hearing and malnutrition. Dr. C. A. Wilson, in charge of the tuberculosis unit, stressed the importance of the necessary changes for recovery. Two graduate nurses, Miss Nellie J. McComb and Miss Lillian Hayley, assisted the clinicians. The counties visited in the last tour which began May 28 included Benzie, Manistee, Iron, Gogebic, Baraga, Marquette, Delta and Schoolcraft. More than 6,000 persons have been examined since September, 1921 to date, the second year the clinic has been operated by the state health department. Tubercular examinations totaling 1871 were made and 4833 children were examined. There were 219 ex-service men who appeared for examination. In all adult examinations 73 cases of venereal disease were found.

Beginning in September and continuing through December health institutes will be held in several lower peninsular counties. Berrien, Allegan, Montcalm, Mecosta, Clinton and Oakland will be among the first counties visited.

State Grown Alfalfa Seed Shows Increase

That extensive production of alfalfa seed in Michigan followed favorable conditions of last year, and that this seed proved to be a considerable factor in the planting of an increased acreage this spring is the statement of Prof. J. F. Cox, head of the farm crops department at the Michigan Agricultural College. Estimates place the home grown alfalfa seed used in Michigan at at least 175,000 pounds.

"It has not yet been proven that alfalfa seed production is commercially profitable in Michigan on a large scale," says Professor Cox, "but many farmers have found it advantageous to set aside several acres for seed production for their own use and for sale in the neighborhood."

"Home grown seed from well established fields of proven hardiness is, if properly matured, excellent for planting in Michigan. Should the mid-summer and late summer season prove to be warm, with average or less than average rainfall, the second crop of alfalfa can be expected to set seed successfully, if allowed to stand for seed production."

"The heaviest yields of alfalfa seed are secured from fields on light lands. Old fields which are becoming thin usually set seed better than new seedings. The yields reported to the farm crops department at M. A. C. during the past season by farmers who produced seed range from one to three and one-half bushels per acre, an average of approximately two bushels per acre."

"An extensive increase is being made by members of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association of the new Harding alfalfa, recently released from the breeding plots of Prof. F. A. Spragg, of the college station. A considerable supply of this high seed yielding strain should be available for next year's planting."

"Where possible Grimm, Cossack, or other alfalfa varieties of known dependability should be saved for seed."

PEOPLE AND THE PRIMARY

Considerable fault is being found in certain quarters with the primaries, but it seems to the thinking voter that the trouble with the working of the primaries is entirely due to the carelessness and listlessness upon the part of the people themselves and not with the primaries.

If the voters would manifest even a reasonable amount of interest in the primaries they could have the whole say as to who should fill the offices and administer the laws. The thing to do is not to abolish the primaries, but to arouse the voters to a sense of their obligations to themselves and to the country.

No voter has a right to complain of conditions to which he gives absolutely no attention or makes no effort to improve. The remedy for nearly all the evils that exist today is in the hands of the voters if they will use it to correct those evils by attending the primaries and nominating the right kind of candidates in place of sitting on the fence and letting out their line of talk.—Fowler Review.

Don't miss "Molly O," Strand Sunday and Monday.—advertisement

Bill Hart in "Three Word Brand"—Strand Saturday.—advertisement

Why Not Mark Town is Query

A common difficulty experienced by tourists in Michigan is that of knowing the name of the town to which they are coming. Unless it is a large city, the motorist is apt to enter the place and experience considerable trouble in finding out just what town he is in. The fault lies in the fact that few of these towns are marked. No signboard greets the eye as one drives into the place, except the one, perhaps, that says "Speed Limit Ten Miles," and which has no meaning, being a relic of the old speed law days, and which does not convey information that is desired.

Many states have definite systems by which it is possible to know the name and main points of interest about even the smallest town on the main lines of travel, and this should be the case in Michigan as well. It is enlightening to travel through New York state and see that for every town, however small, a certain company has erected a huge signboard in the shape of an open book, on which is printed plainly the name of the town, its population, and its main point of interest.

This could be imitated with profit in this section. Each city should erect a large signboard on each of the main approaches to the town, indicating to the tourist the name of the place, its importance to chance strangers, its population, and the distance to the nearest large city either direction.

Chambers of Commerce or city administration could do this with profit to the town. It should not be left to some enterprising commercial establishment to do this when and how it chooses, but should be done by those who should be most interested in boosting the town, and putting it on the map in a literal sense. The main function of various civic organizations is just that, to increase the importance of the place where they are organized, and to make it known to other places as a wide-awake, enterprising community. Nothing contributes more to this end in the mind of the traveler than signs to tell him plainly what town he is coming to, and how far he is on the way to his destination.

Many towns in this vicinity have been recognizable by the atrocious roads encountered as soon as the motorist entered the town limits, but with improved roads that distinguishing feature is being more and more eliminated, and some real indicator is needed to put Alma and other nearby places on the map.

Latchstring to Be Out August 4

All doors of the Michigan Agricultural College are to be wide open on August 4, when the institution will play host to hundreds of state farmers on the occasion of the annual Farmers' Day round-up and conference.

Blue ribbon winners from the best blood of the various breeds will be dressed up for the day in the college barns; extensive test plots on all sorts of crops and soils questions will be ready for inspection; specialists in different phases of the agricultural industry will be "at home" for visitors, ready to give information and to consult on problems of the moment; and speakers of standing in the farm world will discuss vital questions before the assembled guests of the day.

The feature of the program will be a big outdoor meeting in the afternoon, under the trees of the college campus. David Friday, new president of M. A. C., Secretary H. H. Halladay, L. Whitney Watkins, chairman of the State Board of Agriculture, and Dean R. S. Shaw of the college agricultural division, will be leading speakers at the meeting. A band concert and a unique "livestock style review," or educational parade, will round out the afternoon meeting. Special agricultural exhibits are to be placed on the campus grounds, each illustrating some one timely farm topic of the day.

Women are to have headquarters of their own in the college woman's building, hundreds planning to "come along" for the day. Basket picnic lunch on the campus will be a feature. More than 3,000 farmers and their families attended the gathering last year, and an even larger crowd is expected on August 4.

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express our most sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends during the sickness and death of our beloved wife and daughter, Mildred. The high esteem in which Mildred was held was shown by the banks of beautiful flowers presented by neighbors, friends, relatives, the Odd Fellows and the Alma L. O. T. M. Mildred was an affectionate wife and daughter, wonderful mother to her two little daughters, and will always hold a very tender spot in our hearts.

Mr. Charley Stafford and daughters Letha and Leola, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Evans, Mr. Ernest Evans and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edney Van Nornum.

TO MEET HERE

Democrats from all over Gratiot county will meet in Alma, Tuesday evening, August 1st. A special meeting has been called by the county committee to transact business of special interest. The meeting will be held in the city hall at 8:00 p. m. A short program has been planned, and it is expected every democrat in the city and county will turn out and make this meeting a big success.

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PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



Behold the Classy Loafer with a Fumigating Bag pasted to his Lower Lip, waiting for a Good Job to Turn Up, when he is going to Blow this Hick Town. As he Nonchalantly Paces against the Cigar Case, trying to Look like Clarence K. Marshmallow, but resembling Charlie Chaplin more, he's one reason for the H. C. of L.

Horseshoe Pitchers Title Will Be Decided at Fair; County Contests Started

"There wasn't no horseshoe pitchers in Michigan that could hold a candle to the barnyard champions of Macomb county."

This innocent little boast, falling unconsciously from the lips of "Spud" Murphy of Macomb county recently, started a fine argument and the finals of the Michigan State championship horseshoe pitching tournament, now being organized under the auspices of The Michigan Business Farmer, will be put on at the State Fair this year.

George W. Dickinson, secretary-manager of the Michigan State Fair, has sanctioned the plan to stage the title rounds of the tournament during the exposition in Detroit, September 1 to 10. Several prizes will be awarded by the State Fair in addition to the beautiful loving cup, the grand prize, presented by the courtesy of the Union Malleable Iron company of Moline, Ill.

The plan of the preliminaries, according to Forrest Lord, editor of the Michigan Business Farmer, is to hold them in conjunction with farmers' picnics in every county. The winners of these county tournaments will play in district contests and these victors will meet in the grand state tournament at the Michigan State Fair.

Everyone is eligible to participate. Entries for the preliminaries should be made to county agents. No time in entering should be lost. All county contests must be played off before the opening of the Michigan State Fair, September 1.

Named to Supervise Fair Running Races



W. J. DOWLING

Of interest to racing followers throughout Michigan is the announcement by G. W. Dickinson, secretary-manager of the Michigan State Fair, that W. J. "Bill" Dowling, of Owosso, will have charge of the six-day running race meet scheduled for this year's exposition, Detroit, September 1 to 10.

Mr. Dowling has had wide experience in the running horse world and has supervised the races at Bay City, Jackson, Adrian and Grand Rapids fairs in recent years. He is making elaborate preparations for the State Fair meet which will open September 4 and run through the ninth.

The important event of the meeting will be the State Fair Derby, slated for Labor Day. A purse of \$1,000 will go to the winner. Purses for the entire meeting will exceed \$15,000.

Invincible Allurements. "Heartbreakers" was the name given to artificial ringlets, a century or more ago, worn by ladies to enhance their beauty. It was claimed at the time that the most inveterate woman hater was not proof against the alluring attraction of the heartbreakers.

Civil Tongue Penalized.

Correspondent reports seeing this singular notice at a watering place in the Isle of Wight: "Any person attempting to come on this ferry without paying his toll or insulting the collector is liable to a fine of 40 shillings."—Boston Transcript.

LIME AVAILABLE FOR THE FARMERS

SUGAR COMPANIES OFFERING LIME TO THE FARMERS WHO DESIRE TO GET IT.

That sugar beet factory refuse lime is a valuable source of lime for agricultural purposes was very significantly demonstrated to a gathering of farmers, sugar men and county agents at Saginaw recently. The meeting and trip to fields and plots was instigated by Mr. Wallace of the Michigan Sugar Company due to the fact that some trials they have conducted at various places showed such marked benefit from the use of lime and his belief that the thousands of tons of this material which has accumulated at the factories could be used to advantage by the farmers within hauling distance.

A farmer some eight miles from the Saginaw factory had covered a part of his oat field with this product last winter. It was a heavy soil similar to much of the soil in Gratiot county and on which grows a fine crop of oats. Where the lime had been applied the oats were well grown out being taller and thrifter than the rest of the field, and even the heavier were not lodged as bad as the lighter oats. The maturity and yield could not be noticed at the time but will be interesting to observe.

The Saginaw plant also had several plots planted to potatoes, corn, cabbage, onions, tomatoes, roots and other crops on the lime pile which was some 8 to 10 feet deep. All of these plants were doing exceptionally well. This would indicate there is no danger from the lime injuring the seed or plants in applying it at most any time or in any manner.

It is not the intention of the sugar companies to commercialize this by-product at present at least unless their investigations lead to a method of drying and sacking which will enable them to compete with other lime products. They feel that the farmers are neglecting a valuable source of lime which will lead to better soil conditions and are willing to cooperate in providing conditions around the lime piles which will make it easier for the farmers to haul from at any time of the year.

Not only does this lime have the neutralizing powers but it also contains considerable potash, phosphates and nitrogen for which we pay good money. It can be hauled and applied at a time when teams are not busy, applied at any rate desired and the only cost is the actual cost of hauling.

This looks like a proposition those living near Alma or St. Louis cannot afford to miss. Some of the soil may not show an acid reaction but there are numerous places where tests indicate an acid condition of the soil.

Lime will correct this and even tho it is not used extensively this year a few loads applied on various fields and crops would be the most accurate way of finding out what it is worth on any particular farm.

THE PRIMARY LAW

The Banner believes that, as America is a representative democracy, where the people delegate authority to act in their behalf, that it will be far less expensive and far more satisfactory to delegate authority to make nominations for them also.

The old convention system had its abuses, but they could be remedied easily if a sincere attempt to do so be made. Experience shows that a primary election has become a rich man's game and has defeated the purpose for which it was supposed to be adopted.

To place a small limit on the expense which a candidate for U. S. senator or governor can incur as a candidate at the primary is unfair to the candidate and to the people, provided money is expended for legitimate purposes, such as advertising, circulars and letters. The people, if they are to choose, have a right to be informed about the candidate and what he stands for. That calls for publicity in newspapers and letters and circulars. That means cash, and lots of it, when a whole state is involved.

Is it not time to do away with this so-called "reform" which is shown not to be a reform, but to be a needlessly expensive method of making political nominations? — Hastings Banner.

Leonardo da Vinci, the artist, who painted the Mona Lisa, the world's most famous picture, was also a military engineer and wrote articles on aeronautics.

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RUPTURE Expert Called to Alma

Seely Co.'s truss expert from Chicago will be at the Wright Hotel, and will remain in Alma Tuesday only, August 1st. He says: "The Spermatic Shield will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, but contracts the opening in 10 days on the average case. Being a vast advancement over all former methods—employing instantaneous effects immediately appreciable and withstanding any strain or position no matter the size or location. Large or difficult cases, or incisional ruptures (following operations) specially solicited. This instrument received the only award in England and in Spain, producing results without surgery, injections, medical treatments or prescriptions. Mr. Seely has documents from the United States Government, Washington, D. C., for inspection. Our representative will be glad to demonstrate without charge or fit them if desired. Business demands prevent stopping at any other place in this section."

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